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1. REF A REQUESTS THE FULL TEXT OF FONMIN OKCUN'S SPEECH TO THE SENATE FEBRUARY 13. ACCORDING TO MFA INFORMATION OFFICE, THE SPEECH WAS IMPROMPTU; THERE WAS NO PREPARED TEXT AND FONMIN SPOKE WITHOUT NOTES. MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT THEY HAVE NO AUTHORIZED TEXT AVAILABLE. THE TURKISH SENATE HAS AN UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF REMARKS MADE BY FONMIN OKCUN, BUT THE SEC GEN OF THE SENATE HAS TOLD US THAT HE CANNOT RELEASE THIS UNAPPROVED TEXT WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE MFA. THE SENATE RECORD MAY BE AVAILABLE AT SOME LATER DATE.
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2. MEANWHILE, BELOW ARE SOME OF OKCUN'S STATEMENTS AS COMPILED FROM INCOMPLETE PRESS REPORTS:

A. CYPRUS, GREECE, US: "TO THOSE WHO CLAIM THAT CYPRUS AND THE EMBARGO ARE INSEPARABLE, WE SAY THAT EVEN IF THE UNITED STATES DID NOT EXIST, WE WOULD SOLVE

THIS PROBLEM".

"OUR READING OF THE SITUATION IS CORRECT. WE WILL MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFORTS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IN GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS VIA THE ECEVIT-KARAMANLIS SUMMIT. A FURTHER CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE THROUGH PROGRESS IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM".

"ANOTHER POLICY OF THIS GOVERNMENT IS TO SOLVE ALL EXISTING PROBLEMS WITH NEIGHBORING STATES, TO ESTABLISH A RAPPROCHEMENT AND TO BASE OUR RELATIONS ON THE FOUNDATION OF CLOSE COOPERATION".

"GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS AND THE CYPRUS ISSUE HAVE BEEN MADE HOSTAGES IN TURKEY'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THIS POLICY HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY GREECE, IN PARTICULAR, AND BY OTHER COUNTRIES WHO SEE AN ADVANTAGE IN DOING SO. I BELIEVE OUR ACTIVE POLICY WILL ALSO OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM. WITH OUR ADVERSARIES WE CAN DISCUSS EVERY ISSUE RELATED TO CYPRUS WITHIN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE PROPOSALS".

"AS FOR THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, IT IS NOT THE ONLY PROBLEM IN THE AEGEAN. IN ADDITION TO THIS PROBLEM, THERE IS THE ISSUE OF GREECE'S ARMING OF THE AEGEAN ISLANDS IN VIOLATION OF THE 1923 AND 1974 AGREEMENTS. FURTHERMORE, UNCLASSIFIED

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GREECE HAS ASSUMED CONTROL OVER THE AEGEAN AIRSPACE BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NATO FACILITIES AND ITS OWN COMMITMENTS. THEY HAVE ALSO RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE ISLANDS TO 12 MILES. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW, THE AEGEAN PROBLEM IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE CYPRUS ISSUE".

"CONSIDERING GREEK PRESSURE EXERTED FROM THE WEST WHICH SEEKS TO STRANGLE TURKEY, THE TURKISH NATION MUST UNITE IN THE FACE OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF ISSUE".

B. NATO: "I WANT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO ARTICLE TWO OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY WITH ITS PROVISIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED. ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY WILL DEVELOP FRIENDLY RELATIONS IN A MANNER STRENGTHENING THEIR INDIVIDUAL POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH THEY ARE BASED. MOREOVER, THE PARTIES ARE TO WORK TO STRENGTHEN THE WELFARE AND STABILITY OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONS".

"THIS ARTICLE, UNFORTUNATELY, HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS ARTICLE ENVISAGES NATO AS A MILITARY SYSTEM, AS WELL AS FORESEEING THE PROVISION OF MUTUAL AID FOR THE NURTURING OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT."

"AT THE NEXT SUMMIT, IT IS THE INTENTION OF THIS GOVERNMENT TO RAISE THIS TOPIC".

C. RELATIONS WITH THE EEC: "THE PROVISIONS OF THE ANKARA AGREEMENT AS WELL AS THE ANNEX PROTOCOL WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO TURKEY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIALIZATION EFFORTS WILL BE REVIEWED WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EEC. THESE PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN STUDIED BY VARIOUS STATE ORGANIZATIONS. CURRENTLY, THE STATE PLANNING ORGANIZATION IS CONSIDERING THIS ISSUE. RELATIONS WITH TH EEC WILL BE RECONSIDERED".

D. NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE; THE THIRD WORLD: "THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS POLICIES EMPHASIZES THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AS A REQUIREMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM. THE GOT INTENDS TO ESTABLISH CLOSER RELATIONS WIT THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, AND IF NECESSARY, TO STRENGTHEN ITS DIPLOMATIC RELTIONS WITH THEM. THIS DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, A WEAKENING OF RELATIONS WITH THE WEST".

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER THE ABOVE PRESS EXERPTS ARE SUFFICIENT FOR THE USE CONTEMPLATED BY EMBASSY ATHENS OR WHETHER THE FULL TEXT WILL BE NEEDED WHENEVER IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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